

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
a top sheet positioned in a face which is adapted to be
brought into contact with a human body;

a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the
5 top sheet and is adapted to be brought into contact with
underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the
back sheet; [[,]]

wherein the back sheet includes a colored area, and the
10 colored area has a light transmittance ~~allowing~~ that allows light
outputted from an optical sensor to be transmitted therethrough;
and

wherein the light transmittance of the colored area is at
least 15%.

2. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
a top sheet positioned in a face which is adapted to be
brought into contact with a human body;

a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the
5 top sheet and is adapted to be brought into contact with
underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the
back sheet; [[,]]

10 wherein the back sheet includes a colored area and a
non-colored area, and an inspection portion which transmits light
outputted from an optical sensor for inspection is provided in
the non-colored area; and
wherein a light transmittance of the inspection portion is
at least 15%.

3. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
a top sheet positioned in a face which is adapted to be
brought into contact with a human body;

5 a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the
top sheet and is adapted to be brought into contact with
underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the
back sheet; [[,]]

10 wherein the back sheet includes a colored area, ~~and the~~
colored area includes an inspection portion ~~in the colored area~~
at which inspection with an optical sensor is performed, and the
inspection portion has a light transmittance ~~allowing~~ that allows
light outputted from the optical sensor to be transmitted
therethrough; and
15 wherein the light transmittance of the inspection portion is
at least 15%.

4. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein ~~in the colored area,~~ an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the colored area.

5. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein ~~in the colored area,~~ an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the colored area.

6. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 3 wherein ~~in the colored area,~~ an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the colored area.

7. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the light transmittance of the colored area is 15% to 80%.

8. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the light transmittance of the inspection portion is 15% to 80%.

9. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 3, wherein the light transmittance of the inspection portion is 15% to 80%.

10. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the light transmittance of the colored area is 15% to 55%.

11. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the light transmittance of the inspection portion is 15% to 55%.

12. (New) The absorbent article according to claim 3, wherein the light transmittance of the inspection portion is 15% to 55%.